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CAT TESTS POSITIVE FOR RABIES NEAR MOUNT AIRY, MARYLAND

The Frederick County Health Department received information from the Maryland State Rabies Lab that a cat near Mount Airy has tested positive for the rabies virus. The cat was found on Sunday, May 12, 2013 on Old National Pike around Jesse Smith Road. The domestic medium hair cat was collected by Frederick County Animal Control on May 12, 2013. This is the 5th cat from Frederick County to test positive for rabies in 2013. The cat is described as a small fawn colored cat.

If any person or their pets had contact with this cat, the Health Department recommends that you immediately consult with your physician or veterinarian and notify the Health Department at 301-600-1717. Rabies is a viral disease that infects mammals (warm-blooded animals who nurse their young) and is spread by the saliva of the infected animal. Human cases of rabies are fatal if untreated. To protect your family from possible rabies exposure, do not touch, or play with wild or stray animals and make sure that your pets are currently vaccinated.

The Health Department is having a rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets at the Thurmont Community Park (10 Frederick Road) on June 6, 2013 from 5 to 8 PM. Vaccination cost is \$8.00 per animal. For additional information on the clinic, contact the Health Department at 301-600-1717. If you have a stray or wild animal on your property, do not touch it and do not attempt to contain it. If you or your pets have contact with a stray or wild animal you should call Animal Control at 301-600-1544 to speak with an Animal Control Officer.



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